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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN NICOSIA 0898

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT ADVISORY AIRSPACE

REF: (A) NICOSIA 0830 (DTG 250930Z MAR 77) (NOTAL)
(B) NICOSIA 0861 (DTG 291530Z MAR 77) (NOTAL)
(C) STATE 070844 (DTG 310058Z MAR 77) (NOTAL)
(D) USDAO MSG NO. 079 (DTG 010811Z APR 77) (NOTAL)

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1. NICOSIA 0830 RELATED INFO PASSED TO EMBASSY BY GOC DEPT.
CIVIL AVIATION (DCA) REGARDING TWO INSTANCES OF NEAR-MISS
BY CIVIL AIRCRAFT OVER NORTHERN PART OF NICOSIA FIR ON
MARCH 23, 1977. "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS"
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE PRESS RELEASE DATED
MARCH 31, 1977 STATES IN PART "... IATA HAS FORMALLY
DENIED GREEK CYPRIOT ALLEGATIONS CLAIMING TWO NEAR-MISSES

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IN THE REGION. IATA ALSO CONFIRMED THAT AIRLINES ALLEGED
TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENTS HAVE DENIED THE
GREEK CYPRIOT CHARGES."

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT
CONTACT IATA TO ASCERTAIN (A) WHETHER IATA HAS COMMENTED
SPECIFICALLY ON THE TWO NEAR-MISS INCIDENTS REPORTED REF (A)
AND IF SO WHETHER "TFSC" PIO PRESS RELEASE COMMENTS ARE
CORRECT OR NOT; (B) WHETHER AIRLINES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN
INVOLVED IN MARCH 23 NEAR-MISS INCIDENTS (SAUDIA, LOT,
LUFTHANSA) HAVE COMMENTED TO IATA ON ALLEGED INCIDENTS AND
IF SO WHAT WERE AIRLINES' COMMENTS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. ON MARCH 31 GOC DCA PROTESTED TO EMBOFF THAT SIX USAF
AIRCRAFT IN LAST TWO DAY HAVE CONTACTED ERCAN CONTROL
OPERATED BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS (SEE NICOSIA DAO REPORT REF D)
AS FOLLOWS: (A) ON MAR 30 FOUR USAF AIRCRAFT
ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH ERCAN; (B) ON MAR 31 TWO USAF AIRCRAFT
ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH ERCAN AND COMPLIED WITH CLIMBING
INSTRUCTION GIVEN BY ERCAN.

4. GOC DCA CLAIMS THAT ONE USAF AIRCRAFT ON
MAR 31 (WE ARE NOT SURE IF THIS WAS ONE OF A/C MENTIONED 3(B)
ABOVE) WAS CONVERGING AT AIRWAY GREEN 18 WITH BRITISH
AIRWAYS FLIGHT BA 3891. BOTH AIRCRAFT SUPPOSEDLY THREE
MINUTES FROM POINT G18B.

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5. WHILE NICOSIA 0861 RELATED RECENT POSITIVE
DEVELOPMENTS SUGGESTING RETURN TO DEGREE OF NORMALCY
OF CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA, INCIDENT REPORTED
ABOVE (PARA 4) UNDERSCORES ONECE AGAIN THAT
SITUATION NORTHERN PART OF NICOSIA FIR CONTINUES TO POSE
POTENTIAL DANGERS TO ALL AIR TRAFFIC. END CONFIDENTIAL NOFORN
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